



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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House Bill 1120 - An Act Concerning Imposing A Moratorium On the Rebidding Of Purchase Service Contracts Pertaining To the Delivery Of Health and Human Services By Or On Behalf Of State Agencies

The Department of Public Health **opposes** Senate Bill 1120.

Among the many impacts of this legislation, it would require that current contracts issued by the Department of Public Health to private agencies would be automatically renewed.

Concerns With SB 1120

Although the department issues many multi-year contracts as the result of competitive requests for proposals, the automatic renewal of such multi-year contracts precludes the ability of new non-profit organizations from taking advantage of state funding. It also has the effect of the Department of Public Health not being able to award funding to programs that may be able to offer excellent services to the residents of Connecticut.

Current procedures allow for an open, competitive process, and a moratorium will eliminate the benefits of current procedures.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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